

CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A clip device for securing an item, the clip device securable to an object, the clip device comprising:

a main body having a top surface, a bottom surface, a front edge, and a back edge;

a first groove and a second groove extending linearly along the length of the bottom surface of the main body, the first groove being substantially parallel to the second groove, the first groove and the second groove defining wing portions, the wing portions movable relative to the main body along the first groove and the second groove allowing the clip device to generally conform to any curvature of the object;

~~a supporting wall extending from the front edge in general direction away from the top surface;~~

clip means extending from the supporting wall over the top surface for securing the clip device to an object; and

item retaining means extending substantially along the back edge for releasably securing the item ~~within the lip portion~~ adjacent and against the bottom surface of the main body.

Claim 2 (original): The clip device of claim 1 wherein the clip means are a first clip arm and a second clip arm, the first clip arm and the second clip arm extending from the supporting wall in a cantilever manner over the top surface with the first clip arm being spaced from the second clip arm.

Claim 3 (original): The clip device of claim 2 wherein each clip arm includes a protruding portion.

Claim 4 (original): The clip device of claim 1 wherein the item retaining means includes a lip portion.

Claim 5 (original): The clip device of claim 4 wherein the lip portion includes a retaining protrusion extending from the lip portion.

Claim 6 (original): The clip device of claim 5 wherein the retraining protrusion includes a retaining tab.

Claim 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (currently amended): The clip device of claim 1 ~~7~~ and further comprising:

a third groove and a fourth groove extending linearly ~~formed~~ along the length of the top ~~bottom~~ surface ~~on each side of the supporting wall~~, the third groove substantially parallel to the fourth groove, the third groove substantially opposite the first groove and the fourth groove substantially opposite the second groove.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The clip device of claim 1 ~~8~~ wherein the first ~~third~~ groove and second ~~fourth~~ groove extend through the item ~~object~~ retaining means.

Claim 10 (original): The clip device of claim 1 wherein the back edge has a substantially curved configuration.

Claim 11 (previously canceled).

Claim 12 (currently amended): An assembly for securing an item to an object, the assembly comprising:

a main body portion having a top surface and a bottom surface;

a first side portion;

a second side portion;

linear groove means separating the first side portion from the main body portion and the second side portion from the main body portion for allowing the first side portion and the second side portion to move relative to the main body portion;

clip means for securing the main body portion ~~clip device~~ to an object; and
item retaining means for releasably securing the item to the main body portion.

Claim 13 (original): The assembly of claim 12 wherein the main body has a front edge and a back edge, and further comprising:

a supporting wall extending from the front edge in general direction away from the top surface.

Claim 14 (original): The assembly of claim 12 wherein the clip means include a first clip arm and a second clip arm, the first clip arm and the second clip arm extending from the supporting wall in a cantilever manner over the top surface with the first clip arm being spaced from the second clip arm.

Claim 15 (original): The clip device of claim 14 wherein each clip arm includes a protruding portion.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The assembly of claim 12 wherein the item retaining means is a lip portion, the lip portion extending substantially along a ~~the~~ back edge for releasably securing the item within the lip portion adjacent and against the bottom surface of the main body.

Claim 17 (original): The assembly of claim 16 wherein the lip portion includes a retaining protrusion extending from the lip portion.

Claim 18 (original): The assembly of claim 17 wherein the retaining protrusion includes a retaining tab.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The assembly of claim 12 wherein the groove means includes ~~and further comprising:~~ a first groove formed along the length of the bottom ~~top~~ surface,; a second groove formed along the length of the bottom ~~top~~ surface, the first groove substantially parallel to ~~spaced from~~ the second ~~first~~ groove,; a third groove formed along the length of the top

~~bottom~~ surface, and a fourth groove formed along the length of the top ~~bottom~~ surface, the third groove substantially parallel to ~~spaced from~~ the fourth groove, the first groove being substantially opposite the third groove and the second groove being substantially opposite the fourth groove.

Claim 20 (original): The assembly of claim 13 the back edge has a substantially curved configuration.

Claim 21 (new): The assembly of claim 1 and further comprising:

a supporting wall extending from the front edge in general direction away from the top surface, the first groove and the second groove positioned on each side of the supporting wall.

Claim 22 (new): A clip device for securing an item, the clip device securable to an object, the clip device comprising:

a main body having a top surface, a bottom surface, a front edge, and a back edge;
at least one linear groove extending along the length of the bottom surface of the main body, the linear groove defining a wing portion, the wing portion movable relative to the main body along the linear groove allowing the clip device to generally conform to any curvature of the object;

clip means extending from the supporting wall over the top surface for securing the clip device to an object; and

item retaining means extending substantially along the back edge for releasably securing the item adjacent and against the bottom surface of the main body.